

Burdett, Cheryl

From: Lynn Henning <lynnh@sraproject.org>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 8:51 AM
To: Burdett, Cheryl
Subject: Fwd: Medina Dairy, Hudson Dairy question please?

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From: Koleda, Rachel (DEQ) <KoledaR@michigan.gov>
Date: Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 9:44 AM
Subject: RE: Medina Dairy, Hudson Dairy question please?
To: Lynn Henning <lynnh@sraproject.org>

Lynn,

I may not have not provided enough detail when describing the water in my first email, allow me to clarify a bit. I did not take samples of the water, this is clean, non-contact water directly from the well that is being discharged. The flow is separate from the milk flow, running in completely separate pipes that were installed strictly for this purpose and that will be removed once the dairy is milking at full capacity. The pipes have already been removed from the Hudson site. And when I referred to "pits" I simply meant that at both sites the water is flowing to the storm water pit. You are correct, each site only has one storm water pit.

Hope that description is more helpful, Rachel

From: Lynn Henning [mailto:lynnh@sraproject.org]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:28 AM
To: Koleda, Rachel (DEQ)
Cc: Russell, Jon (DEQ); **FOIA Exemption (b) (6)**
Subject: Re: Medina Dairy, Hudson Dairy question please?

Rachel,

Did you take samples of the red water to verify? Can you tell me when it became legal to discharge the bulk tank to a stormwater catch basin that goes to the storm water storage pits? You have used the word pits in plural? Where is the other stormwater storage pit located?

Thank you,

Lynn

On Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 8:24 AM, Koleda, Rachel (DEQ) <KoledaR@michigan.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Lynn,

I conducted a site visit last Friday (10-24-14) at both Hudson and Medina to determine what had caused the red discoloration seen in the photographs you provided. I did confirm that the red coloration is rust staining on the cement behind the milkhouse. The rust is being caused by the temporary draining of clean well water over the cement. The water is being used to calibrate the bulk tank to the capacity it will need to run at when the sites are milking at full capacity. At both locations, the water drains to catch basins that go to the storm water storage pits.

While I was at Medina I also inspected the hose from the storm water pond that you had identified in the photographs. The hose was used during the growing season to route water from the storm water storage pit to two irrigation pivots used for watering row crops.

Thank you, Rachel

From: Lynn Henning [mailto:lynnh@sraproject.org]

Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:29 AM

To: Koleda, Rachel (DEQ); Russell, Jon (DEQ); Janet [FOIA Exemption (b) (6)]

Cc: Burdett, Cheryl; Creal, William (DEQ)

Subject: Medina Dairy, Hudson Dairy question please?

Good morning all,

Could you please tell me what may be discharging from the milkhouse area at the Medina (0730) and Hudson Dairies (0507)? It appears red in color, may be discharging on the ground and possibly to a stormwater drain at Medina Dairy, and into a possible tile line at the Hudson Dairy behind the milkhouse area?

I have marked the areas on the aerial photos that were taken yesterday by Lighthawk/SRAP.

-- Lynn

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